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5 U.S. Aides in Saigon Are Returning to Consult

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (UPI)

Five top officials of the United States Embassy in Saigon will hold four days of talks with Administration officials at an undisclosed place "in the Washington area" starting Saturday.

The five are William J. Porter, Deputy Ambassador to South Vietnam; Philip Habib, political counselor; Charles Mann, aid director; Edward Lansdale, a retired major general and assistant to Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge; and Barry Zorthian, information director.

An official said the site outside Washington was selected so there would be fewer "distractions and telephones." Officials said the talks had been planned for some time and were not the result of the current United States peace drive.